

Children's Ministry

Children's Christian Education- volunteers work with the children in different and sometimes creative ways. It is a joy filled and eye opening time to see the wonder of children and the way they are growing to know and love God. The use of a rotation model allows us to focus on the same lesson for a few weeks teaching it in several different ways (art, science, drama, games, cooking, and music are some of the centers we use). It allows volunteers to make a short time commitment, 2-4 weeks at a time and ease of helping with a lesson.

Children's Chapel- At the 10:45 service, younger children may join the procession to the Children's chapel after the Gospel reading for a child-focused lesson led by adults and youth, returning during the Peace.

Youth Ministry

Our youth ministry at ECOHS includes involvement in worship, parish life, education, service, as well as Diocesan events. Our youth are welcome in all aspects of worship, including acolytes, altar guild, choir, crucifers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and ushers. Holy Spirit youth are active in parish life and outreach. Christian Education is held weekly during the program year, with classes for both High School and Middle School youth. Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) also meets most weeks for a variety of activities that include music and prayer, fun and service, as well as group discussions and reflection time.



Adult Christian Education

EfM- Education for Ministry- Christianity is a rich and ancient faith tradition, but in truth many of us don't understand it well and feel ambivalent about its place in a complex and confusing world. EfM meets weekly and covers core theological material including the Old Testament, New Testament and Church history. Far richer than academic study, most of the time is spent testing our learning, life experience and opinions with one another, as we learn how to incorporate a living faith into everyday life.

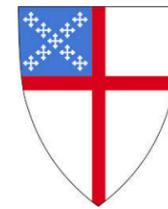
Weekday Bible Study with the Rector in which we explore specific books of the Bible, or other books that explore our faith. Groups meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and 10:30 am on Thursdays.

Sunday School- Sunday mornings the Rector explores the lessons from the Sunday lectionary.

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Missions

Honduras Mission Trip

Holy Spirit supports the Lamb Institute, a Christ-centered, multifaceted ministry based in Tegucigalpa, Honduras that seeks to reach out to the world with the love of Jesus Christ.

LAMB was founded in 1999 by lifelong missionary, Suzy McCall, as a training school for Hondurans called to world mission. Today, LAMB operates an elementary school with over 200 children in one of the most violent and poverty stricken areas of Tegucigalpa, a large youth outreach program, a growing microcredit program with over 300 small business owners, multiple community programs, and a residential home outside the city for over 60 abused and neglected children.

Holy Spirit supports Lamb Institute in multiple ways, including prayer, financial support, and an annual summer mission trip to serve the children who are cared for by the Lamb Institute in Honduras. These trips are intergenerational, for both the young and young-at-heart (rising high schoolers and up!).

Building and Grounds

The non-building maintenance is primarily supported by a group of volunteers who assist with maintaining the grass areas, as well as, edging, spraying, and some equipment maintenance. Additional assistance and volunteers are always welcome in these and other areas of the grounds, including periodic Parish-wide work days.

Worship

Acolytes

At Holy Spirit we have two kinds of Acolytes: Crucifers and Torchbearers. Crucifers carry the processional cross, hold the Gospel for the priest, and assist in the preparation of the Eucharist. Torchbearers carry the torches processing in and out of the church and during the Gospel procession. High school youth and adults serve as crucifers, and anyone fourth grade and up can be a torchbearer, two important liturgical functions.

Verger

Usually a layperson, the verger assists in the ordering of religious services. During the service itself, a verger's main duty is ceremonially to precede the religious participants as they move about the church; he or she does not typically take any speaking part in the service itself.

Altar and Flower Guilds

These Ministries "set the stage" for all our worship services, including weddings, baptisms and funerals. Members of the Altar Guild are responsible for the care and placement of the vessels used during the Eucharist, including candles, linens, paraments, and vestments. Members of the Flower Guild are responsible for buying and arranging the altar flowers each week.

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM), Lectors, and Ushers

LEM's assist with administration of the wine at any celebration of the Eucharist and may also be licensed to take the Eucharistic Sacrament to members unable to be present at the celebration. LEMs include adults and confirmed youth. Lectors are lay persons who read the Lessons or Prayers of the People during services. Lectors include adults and youth age 5th grade and older. Ushers assist those entering the church with the ministry of hospitality, and includes both adults and youth ages 4th grade and older.

Music Ministry

The adult choir sings throughout the program year as worship leaders in music for our 10:45 am service and extra liturgical services. Children's and youth choirs present the annual Christmas Eve pageant during the early Christmas Eve service, as well as various anthems for the late Sunday services throughout the year.

Pastoral Support

Pastoral Support Group

The Pastoral Support Group is a team of dedicated parishioners who gather monthly to share concerns and care needs of members of the congregation. Generally, our priest also attends this meeting. Discussion is confidential but always seeks ways to serve church members in Christ's name and love. Hospital and home visits, phone calls and prayer notes are some ways support is given, in addition to the Meal Train which provides meals to those who have been ill or have special needs.

Intercessory Prayer

When a prayer request is received, the name will go on the Intercessors List and/or the church bulletin. Urgent prayer needs are sent out promptly to the Intercessors by group email. Names are on the lists for a month or three months as preferred, then are removed unless otherwise requested.

Guild of the Christ Child

This guild presents a small gift to a newly baptized child which includes a children's Bible, a baptismal candle, and personalized shell to commemorate this special event.

The Women's Spirituality Series

A pastoral ministry to all women of the church, helping them to slow down to nurture themselves, while supporting women in ministry who carry out many of the other ministries of the church.



Parish Life

Hospitality- Coffee Hosts and the Kitchen Crew

These ministries support our Sunday fellowship time. Coffee Hosts prepare coffee and refreshments while the Holy Kitchen Crew cleans the dishes and maintains the kitchen. Volunteers also assist with other functions, including receptions, parish gatherings, and periodic special events. These ministries warmly welcome both regular and "special-event" volunteers!

SASSE – Socially Active Single Senior Episcopalians

is a social organization for the benefit of older members of the parish. The group was formed to provide support for one another by forming bonds of friendship. The members participate in monthly luncheons and occasional outings.

Men's Group

The men of Holy Spirit meet for breakfast on the first Saturday of the month from September through May at the church, plus an annual fall cookout. This is an informal gathering for fellowship, great food and an exchange of news on things going on around the parish. Breakfast is prepared by members of the group and there's no charge. The Men's Group cooks for the Annual Fish Fry and on occasion takes on a minor project around the church.

Parish Favorites

Parish Weekend- annual Parish-wide weekend gathering, to enjoy fellowship and activities for all ages, or simply relax and enjoy the peace and beauty of Camp Mikell in Toccoa.

Fish Fry- annual spring event, including favorite foods, from freshly cooked fried fish and hushpuppies to a smorgasbord of potluck offerings.

Kite Day, picnic on the lawn after Sunday Services with kite flying and activities for all ages.

Other Favorites

Parish Meals- several times a year we gather for parish meals and fellowship, varying from the simple to the elegant. Events include our Advent Evening, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Lenten Dinner Series and other special events.

Outreach



In Stitches Group

A group who practices needle arts, creating items for various charities. Blankets and hats for babies are provided to various hospitals, hats and blankets for soldiers, or those needing that extra support, as well as chemo hats for cancer patients. Special projects have included creating items for the Honduras Mission work with Lamb Institute.

Backpacks of Love

A ministry serving children and their families who are homeless or otherwise in severe need by providing non-perishable items that are then put into backpacks and delivered to the children's schools.

The Pantry

This is a non-food pantry created specifically to fill a void in the local community services. The distribution for our clients is the last Saturday of every month. Ministry participants assist with both the advanced bagging of items and the monthly distribution.

Family Promise Forsyth County

The Family Promise program helps homeless and low income families achieve sustainable independence by connecting them with people and organizations to help combat poverty and homelessness, providing food, shelter and support services. Holy Spirit is a Host Church four times a year, providing housing, hospitality, meals, and support to families.